



Gila River Indian Community Multimodal Pedestrian Safety Study

Final PUBLIC MEETING TWO SUMMARY

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Introduction

The purpose of this project is to evaluate pedestrian safety needs on the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) and to identify a recommended program of multimodal corridor enhancements to address the identified needs. Planning-level cost estimates for each proposed enhancement will be developed as well as identifying potential funding sources. A final report will be developed to guide future growth and development of improved pedestrian facilities for short-, mid-, and long-term planning horizons.

Open House

To inform and involve community members of the study, Gila River Indian Community Land Use Planning and Zoning (LUPZ) and ADOT hosted an open house at two locations in the community, one on the east and one on the west end on Tuesday, August 5, 2014. Locations included the Governance Center (from 4-5 p.m.) and the Boys & Girls Club-Gila River Komatke (from 6-8 p.m.). Staff present at the meeting included Mary Rodin (Kimley-Horn), Misty Klann and Coralie Cole (ADOT) and Barney Bigman (Gila River Indian Community LUPZ). The open house allowed for community members to learn more and provide feedback on the recommended pedestrian safety and transportation improvements that are a result of input from the first round of public involvement. In total, 6 members of the community signed-in at the two locations but a larger number were present and chose not to sign in.

NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT

A newspaper advertisement providing the date and locations of the open houses was published in the following newspaper:

- Gila River Indian News (Weeks of July 18 and August 1, 2014)

A copy of the advertisement can be found in Appendix A.

MEETING MATERIALS

Study boards showing the types of recommended improvements and locations were available for review at both locations. In addition, fact sheets and comment forms were also available for participants to provide feedback on the recommendations. All meeting materials can be accessed on the study webpage at azdot.gov/gricmpss.

The following comments were received as part of the open comment period following the open houses. A copy of the comment forms can be found in Appendix B:

District Four

- Maize Road to Silver Road off Santan Road
 - Especially lights

- Lights at bus stops for winter time when in all black clothing
- Goodyear area also needs street lighting
- Speed bumps in front of Head Start
- Stotonic Road, Hilltop Drive to Howi Street
 - Most important by Head Start
 - Speed bumps

District Five

- Well drain runoff

District Six

- Pecos Road, 51st Avenue to Tashquith Drive
 - Street lighting-kids walk on the road or side of the road, sometimes can't see them
 - More bus stops
 - Would like to see the graffiti cleaned on a daily basis
- 51st Avenue, Gila Crossing Rd to Tashquith Dr
 - Bus should go all the way to Lone Butte housing to the area of the casino
- Other
 - It will help a lot for a sidewalk –good for people who use wheelchairs

District Seven

- Baseline Road, 79th to 91st Avenues
 - Need streetlight at the end of Baseline and 91st Avenue
 - 91st Ave and Baseline need a stop light; sidewalk would be nice, bike path?
 - Need sidewalks and lights on 87th Avenue
 - Safer walk
 - Street lights at 91st and Baseline and along 91st Avenue to Dobbins
 - Need a stop light at 91st and Baseline
 - I think a streetlight should be put up also at the stop sign at 87th and 91st Avenues
 - Foot traffic has greatly increased this is badly needed here
 - Lots of speeders on Baseline and on 79th Avenue too
 - Sidewalks and streetlights where needed
 - Need street lighting on Baseline Road, Boundary to 91st Ave
 - Need senior discounts and kid school fares
- 83rd Avenue, Baseline Rd to Dobbins Rd
 - Sidewalks on 91st
 - Sidewalks would be nice, what about bike paths?
 - Safer walk
 - Need lights along Baseline Road
 - Badly needed as well, this community is growing
 - Also necessary street lighting

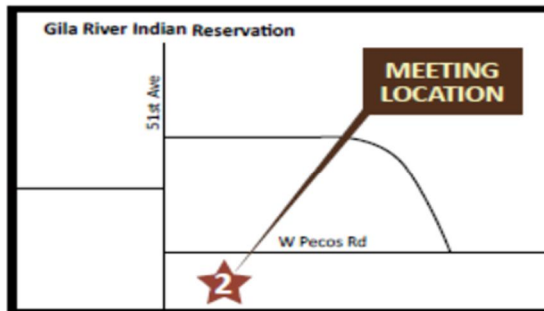
- Street lighting on all avenues
 - Need bus routes here because some of the kids go to school in town
- 79th Avenue, Baseline Rd to Dobbins Rd
 - That's nice, bike path also!
 - Safer walk
 - Badly needed
 - Sidewalk on one side, street lighting
 - We also need streetlights 79th to Dobbins

Appendix A – Meeting Notice

Gila River Indian Community Multimodal Pedestrian Safety Study Open House

The Gila River Indian Community, in collaboration with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Multimodal Planning Division (MPD) is developing the Multimodal Pedestrian Safety Plan funded through MPD's Planning Assistance for Rural Areas (PARA) program. The plan will provide multimodal pedestrian-related improvement recommendations to be considered in the short, mid and long-term timeframes.

Your input and review on recommended pedestrian safety and transportation improvements to address these issues that you identified from the mobile and stakeholder outreach events is critical for the safety and mobility of pedestrians on the Gila River Indian Community.



Stop by at one of the two open house sites listed below on **Tuesday, August 5, 2014**, to learn more about the recommendations and to provide your feedback on the proposed improvements. Your input is valuable to finalizing the study.

1. Governance Center
525 W. Gu U Ki
Sacaton, AZ
4 - 5 p.m.

2. Boys & Girls Club—
Gila River Komatke
5047 W. Pecos Rd., Laveen, AZ
6 - 8 p.m.

If you require special assistance in order to participate in the public meeting, please contact projects@azdot.gov or 855.712.8530. Requests should be made as soon as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.



FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Projects@azdot.gov or azdot.gov/GRICmpss
855.712.8530

Appendix B – Survey



Comment Form – District 6 Pedestrian Safety Improvements

Here's what we heard on needs	Recommendations	Agree?		Comments
Pecos Road, 51 st Avenue to Tashquith Drive ▲ Sidewalks ▲ Street lighting ▲ Bus shelters	▲ Sidewalks on one side of street. ▲ Shoulders ▲ Street lighting ▲ High visibility crosswalks at Boys and Girls Club. ▲ Bus pads and shelters for planned Tribal transit system.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
51 st Ave, Gila Crossing Rd to Tashquith Dr ▲ Sidewalks ▲ Speed control	▲ Sidewalks on one side of street. ▲ Street lighting ▲ Bus pads and shelters for planned Tribal transit system. ▲ Speed monitors and gateway signing to reduce speeds.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
St Johns Road, 51 st Ave to Squawberry Circle ▲ Sidewalks ▲ Street lighting	▲ Sidewalk on one side of street ▲ Street lighting, 51 st Avenue to Head Start School ▲ Provide crosswalk at stop sign.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Other ▲ Path from Vathos Street to St Johns Rd ▲ Path from Pecos Rd to Tashquith Dr on Lewis Rd alignment ▲ Complete sidewalks on Tashquith Dr	▲ Path from Vathos St to St Johns Rd. ▲ Path from Pecos Rd to Tashquith Dr on Lewis Rd alignment. ▲ Construct sidewalk and stripe shoulder on Tashquith Dr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

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